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Rev. Mr. Phelps,

19 Dear Brother.

You may not suppose that any intimacy of acquaintance or any relation whatever, either heretofore or at present existing between us, can justify me in presuming to write to you on the subject of this letter. Let it be so. The knowledge which I have of you assures me that even in the absence of any special reason you are ever ready to do any one a kindness so far as your means and circumstances permit.

It is now seven years since I came to this place. But I am about leaving it. The inadequacy and uncertainty of my salary is the only public reason which I can for requesting my church to unite with me in calling an Ecclesiastical Council for the purpose of dissolving my pastoral relation. The Council has met. I am no longer a pastor. Only one Sabbath more remains for me to supply the pulpit here. In going away from this place I do not, as I believe, leave an enemy behind, though I have very many very strong friends.

My object in writing to you this

letter is — Sitting as you do at head-quarters, and having an intimate acquaintance with all parts of the State — to Solicit your aid in enabling me to obtain another place. I ask it as a favor, and you of course will treat my request as you please; but if you can assist me in this respect without incommoding yourself you may find that you have done a Kindness which both you and myself and many others will have occasion to review over forever.

I trust I have not ~~deteriorated~~ deteriorated in my Ministerial qualifications and any Commendations which you may give of me to any vacant parishes I hope will not prove to be undeserved.

I have written a Similar letter to Dr. Adams and Prof. Park, both of whom promise to aid me in this thing. And yet it may so occur that you may do me most essential service. If you can I shall not cease to feel my obligations.

Will you write to me a short letter when you receive this and as opportunity offers to aid me will you ~~write~~ let me hear from you again Yours in Christian love Cyprus W. Allen